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Chief, Contact Division, OO

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Chief, Technical Branch, SO

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1. Reference is made to the writer's telephone conversation with [redacted] of the Contact Division on Friday, 19 November 1954 concerning the instant case. It was suggested that the writer propose a series of questions that can be put to [redacted] by representatives of the Contact Division. It was also mentioned to the writer that although [redacted] had been cleared, he had been cleared with caution. Because of this, the writer would like the questions which are set out below to be put to [redacted] in the most general manner possible so that our interests in hypnosis and the use of chemicals in connection with interrogation appears merely incidental and not of prime importance.

2. Set out below are questions we would like to have asked of [redacted] and if possible we should like to have your representative develop in detail his answers again without stressing our main objectives.

- a) Describe in detail your interrogation work on [redacted] subjects—where, when, etc.
- b) Do you speak any of the [redacted] languages? If so, with what degree of fluency?
- c) Have your interrogations conducted in any of the [redacted] languages? If so, what language and were interpreters used?
- d) Exactly what was the nature of the interrogations—criminal, general, police work or intelligence-gathering interrogation?
- e) Set out in detail your experiences with hypnosis, where learned, how often used and whether actually ever used in connection with interrogations or police work of any type.
- f) Have you ever worked with any of the so-called "truth serums" in connection with interrogations or police work?
- g) Please obtain full details as to circumstances, number of cases worked, chemicals used, how these chemicals were applied to the subjects and results.

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h) Did you ever combine chemicals and hypnosis for any reason, particularly interrogation work? Please obtain all significant details.

i) Have you worked with hypnosis recently? If so, under what circumstances? Have you used chemicals in connection with interrogation or police work recently and if so under what circumstances?

j) Do you know any other individuals who have worked with hypnosis or chemicals and hypnosis in connection with interrogation?

k) Are any of the individuals referred to above capable of using any of the [redacted] languages?

l) Do you know of any [redacted] making hypnotists [redacted] or American, U.S. citizens only)?

3. If [redacted] indicates that he had had convincing experiences in interrogation using hypnosis or chemicals and hypnosis during the above questioning and if he had had considerable knowledge in the use of these techniques on [redacted] and further if he himself speaks [redacted] or any of the [redacted] languages fluently, this Office will probably wish to take a much closer look at [redacted]. If, however, his experiences are of the nominal [redacted] type or routine police type and his knowledge of hypnosis or the truth serum technique is not extensive, it would be helpful if your representative completely minimizes the entire interview.

4. If you feel that you can paraphrase the questions for any particular advantage, please do not hesitate to do so.

5. While we do not wish to burden the Contact Division, we would greatly appreciate your attaching as high a priority to this request as possible.

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